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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

TADAMASA, AKIHIRO

Examiner

Daniel St.Cyr

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 5-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Response to the applicant's communication filed 11/16/07 in which a rule 130/131/132 affidavits was filed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Takita et al, US Pub. 2005/0218227.

Takita discloses a card-processing device wherein a plurality of inlet sensors 10, 20 (FIGs. 42-43), and 40 (not shown) have been implemented for detecting the type of card to be processed. See ¶s 0226-0231 on page 17, whereon the card-type determination process is explained. Takita teaches that a magnetic card, a contact IC card, a contact-less IC card, and a magnetic/contact-less common card may be detected. Takita also discloses that when a sense signal indicative of the proper card has been detected, the card and the motor of the transport driving means are driven. If the detected card is an IC card, the card feed rollers 5a and 5c of FIG. 42 are continually rotationally driven to cause the IC card 3 to travel. See ¶ 00186. On the other hand, when a magnetic card has been detected, the motor of the transport driving means is driven, thereby the card feed rollers 5a and 5c are rotationally driven and the magnetic card is

transported. Either card is transported onto the card transport path 4 by being passed through shutter means 30. See ¶ 0190. After the termination of the card read/write operation, the rotational driving direction of the card feed rollers 5a and 5c is reversed, whereby the card in the card transport path 4 is transported in the reverse direction and led to the card insertion slot 2 for withdrawal. See ¶ 0192.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 8 and 10 are allowed.
5. Claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
Although the prior art of record teaches a card processing device which includes detecting circuit, transporting device, controlling circuit, etc., the prior art of record fails to disclose or fairly suggests that the transporting device intermittently transports cards to a predetermined position, then continuously when a first type of card is detected and continuously transports cards when a second type of cards is detected, etc. These limitations in conjunction with other limitations in the independent and dependent claims were not shown by the prior art of record.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel St.Cyr whose telephone number is 571-272-2407. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

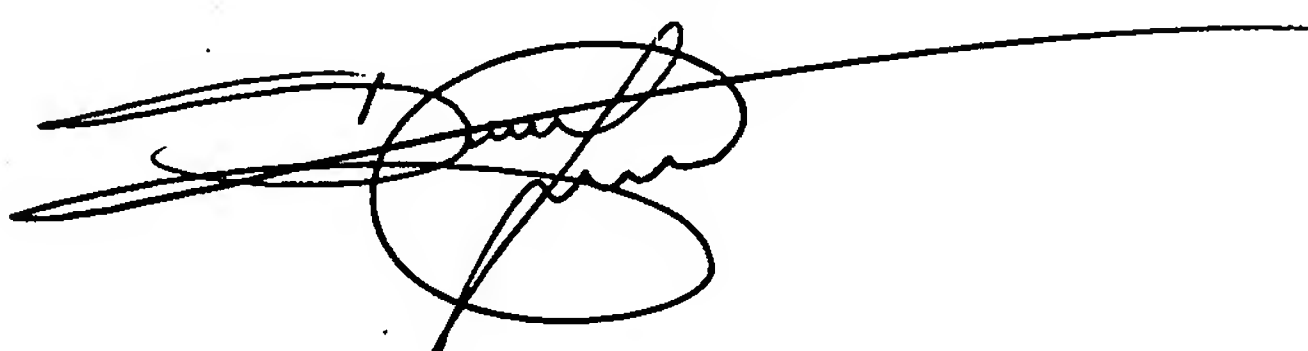
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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January 5, 2008